GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ALLEGED HARASSMENT OF INDIANS IN NEPAL
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Indians working in Nepal are allegedly being harassed, coerced and beaten-up by Maoists thus being forced to leave that country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken up the above matter with Nepal;

(d) if so, the reaction of Nepal thereto; and

(e) the details of steps taken by the Union Government for safety and security of Indians working in Nepal ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(b) There have been various incidents of extortion and intimidation against businessmen and industrial units in Nepal. These include Indian businesses and joint ventures. There have been instances of some Indians leaving Nepal because of this.

(c)-(e) Cases involving the safety and security of Indians in Nepal, including Indian businesses and joint ventures have been taken up by the Government of India with the Government of Nepal including at the highest levels. The Government of Nepal has been requested to investigate these cases and provide adequate security and safety to all Indians, whose welfare and security is of prime concern to the Government of India. Government of Nepal has assured us full cooperation in this regard.